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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 161
12 January 1954

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Colonel Kirgis, USMC	Navy
Lt. Madden	Navy
Lt. Col. Rush	Air Force
*Major Joseph H. Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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*Member designate, vice Lt. Col. Donald W. Rush

2. Chapter I - Iran

The Chairman distributed draft copies of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19 of Chapter I on NIS 33 (Iran) to the members. He noted that Section 10 was still in preparation and that Section 16 would not be ready to review until sometime later. He read general D/B comments on the draft sections, and suggested that members review these sections before the next meeting which would be devoted to this Chapter I discussion. A dummy format for Chapter I was displayed which, by means of a cloth binding, would permit use of the chapter either separately or as part of the complete NIS.

The Committee decided to hold a special meeting at 1000 hours on 19 January 1954 for the purpose of reviewing all prepared sections on Chapter I and the Chapter I map.

3. Discontinuance of Supplement III

The Army member reported concurrence by the Signal Corps and G-2 to the proposal made at the last Committee meeting to discontinue the publication of Supplement III (Telecommunications) in view of the existence of Signal Corps Intelligence Studies on the subject. He also distributed copies of a proposed revision for Section 38 (Telecommunications) which incorporated certain aspects of the subject previously treated in Supplement III.

The Committee approved the proposal to discontinue the publication of Supplement III, the effective date to be determined by mutual agreement between Army and D/B. It was stipulated that Section 38 and Supplement III on the Netherlands would be published as they had already been produced and reviewed. The Committee decided to review the proposed revision for Section 38 Outline at its next regular meeting.

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4. NIS Boundary Changes

The Chairman read a report of the special committee which met on 5 January 1954 to consider the specific NIS boundary changes proposed by Army (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 160). The special committee recommended that:

a. The NIS boundary follow the political boundary between NIS 26-III and NIS 40. This recommendation would assign a small area in 26-III to NIS 40.

b. The proposals affecting NIS 44, NIS 100, and NIS 102 be disapproved on the basis of the expense involved in changing existing base maps and published sections and the complications arising out of security control considerations.

c. The NIS Committee give timely consideration to other prospective NIS boundary problems, particularly in Africa.

The NIS Committee approved the recommendations of the special committee, and decided to consider at the next regular meeting a change of area title for NIS 44 (British Indonesia).

The NIS Committee found unacceptable a proposal by State to treat Chapters IV, V, and VI on NIS Area 50 (West Africa) in four parts. The State member was requested to submit a modified proposal for this area at the next regular meeting. The Army member will examine the geographic treatment of this area for possible modification that would simplify overall treatment.

5. Release of NIS through Special Channels

All members reported that their Agencies could not take positions on the request from Chief, Liaison Division, OCD, dated 15 December 1953 without more specific justification and background information. (Refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 160). The Chairman will so inform the Chief, Liaison Division, OCD, and will report any developments to the Committee.

6. NIS Memo No. 17

The Committee discussed the revision of NIS Memo No. 17 (classification of certain NIS aspects) required by the new Executive Order on Classification (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 160). Because of security aspects related to the NIS production schedule and to allocations of production responsibilities, the Committee decided that it was necessary to classify as "Confidential" the two items in question; namely, (d) NIS areas by name and numerical designation and (e) NIS allocations. The Chairman will have issued a revision to NIS Memo No. 17 to reflect these decisions.

On a question previously raised on the downgrading of the NIS Areas map appearing in the Standard Instructions, the Committee held that the aforementioned decision requires the map to retain its present classification of "Confidential".

7. Delay in Section 54 on NIS 85

The Chairman reported the concurrence of D/B to a request from State for delay in the submission of Section 54 on NIS 85 (Colombia) pending the receipt of new information from the field.

8. NIS Maintenance Program

The Committee discussed the requirements for revision of NIS under the Maintenance Program, and agreed that the criteria set forth in the proceedings of NIS Committee Meeting No. 159 represented the fundamental criteria. The Chairman emphasized that all proposals for revisions of sections be carefully examined to ensure strict compliance with these requirements. Nearly 20% of the 1955 Tentative Production Schedule is devoted to maintenance, which appears to be an unduly high figure in view of the large number of sections still to be produced on high priority areas. The members were requested to examine the 1955 Tentative Production Schedule before the next regular meeting with the view to developing a more realistic schedule. This consideration also affects the production of Chapters I, which must go forward at an accelerated rate.

9. NIS Correlation Guide

The members were asked to submit written recommendations at the next regular meeting leading to improvement in the NIS Correlation Guide for incorporation into the Standard Instructions.

10. JANIS

The Navy member submitted a list of "Restricted" JANIS which were being used as working copies in ONI, and requested the Committee give consideration to determining their new classification. The Chairman reviewed the JANIS classification situation, pointing out that the Joint Intelligence Committee had held that the JANIS could not be declassified and made available to non-Government activities for security reasons. (JIC 116th meeting held on 13 August 1946). The CIA has consistently supported this position in its refusal to make JANIS available to private institutions. Furthermore, the recent action taken by the NIS Committee in classifying all NIS at least "Confidential" would justify comparable treatment for JANIS.

The Committee decided that JANIS should be held as classified documents with a minimum classification of "Confidential" until such time as individual classification might be undertaken by the Agencies which produced them. It is anticipated that all, except a master file copy, of JANIS can be destroyed upon completion of the NIS on related areas. Present bulk

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storage of most JANIS copies renders infeasible any phase destruction of JANIS as they are superseded by NIS.

11. The next regular meeting of the NIS Committee was set for 1000 hours on Tuesday, 26 January 1954. A special meeting will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday 19 January 1954 to discuss Chapter I on NIS 33.

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